

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) An information processing apparatus having a first insertion/removal portion capable of inserting/removing a first recording medium and at least reading out electronic information from the inserted first recording medium, a second insertion/removal portion capable of inserting/removing a second recording medium and reading out and writing electronic information from and in the inserted second recording medium, and an operating member which is connected to the first and second insertion/removal portions so as to be able to exchange electronic information and starts an operation of reading out electronic information recorded on the first recording medium and writing the electronic information in the second recording medium, comprising:

first control means for controlling the first insertion/removal portion;

a cache which stocks electronic information to be written before the electronic information is written in the second recording medium; and

second control means for transferring information to said first control means via predetermined interface means and controlling the second insertion/removal portion and said cache,

wherein said first control means reads out electronic information from the first recording medium inserted in the first insertion/removal portion in accordance with an operation to the operating member and transmits the read electronic information to said second control means together with a first command to request write of the read electronic information in the second recording medium,

said second control means stocks in said cache the electronic information which has been transmitted from said first control means and executes the first command in a stock order to record the electronic information on the second recording medium,

said first control means transmits a second command different from the first command after transmitting all pieces of electronic information to be recorded to said second control means, and

said first control means determines that transfer of the pieces of electronic information from the first recording medium to the second recording medium has completed when a response to the second command is sent back from said second control means.

2. (original) An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising expression means for expressing completion of transfer from the first recording medium to the second recording medium.

3. (currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein said expression means includes a display device, and expression operation includes transfer of a visual message to a user.

4. (original) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the display device includes a monitor which displays a message.

5. (currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 3 ~~or~~ 4, wherein the display device includes an LED.

6. (currently amended) An apparatus according to claim 1 ~~or~~ 2, wherein said expression means includes a sound generating device, and expression operation includes transfer of an auditory message to a user.

7. (original) An apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the sound generating device includes a loudspeaker.

8. (currently amended) An apparatus according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1, wherein removal of the second recording medium is permitted in accordance with an end of transfer from the first recording medium to the second recording medium.